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Dear Mr. Benson:

On behalf of the State of Louisiana, we acknowledge and thank Mr. Benson for his letter. We also agree that the two dates under discussion need to be extended for the benefit of the State, the Saints and the loyal fan base of the team. The relationship between the State and the Saints needs to focus upon the successful completion of the 2005 Season, thoughtful planning for the 2006 Season, and an increased measure of cooperation as we rebuild the City of New Orleans and our State.

We will ask our legal counsel to meet early next week with the Saints' legal counsel to prepare contract amendments that will extend the dates consistent with Mr. Benson's letter and the goals set forth in this response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Kathleen Babineaux Blanco".

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

cc: Commissioner Paul Tagliabue